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SUBJECT: AIM-9J-1 CO-ASSEMBLY

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1. APPRECIATE MND DESIRE TO ASSEMBLE NEW BUILD G&C IN-COUNTRY. AIR FORCE PREVIOUSLY ADVISED,VIA HQ USAF LGFP 191300Z AUG 76, THAT FEASIBILITY WOULD BE CONSIDERED BUT MATTER SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL AFTER INITIATION OF CONTRACT FOR THE NEW BUILD AIM 9J-1. WHEN ABOVE INFO WAS PROVIDED IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE REQUEST TO CONSIDER IN-COUNTRY ASSEMBLY WAS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH LOA REQUEST DATED 3 JUNE 1976 FOR NEW BUILD AIM 9J-1 MISSILES AS STATED IN PARA 1 YOUR 240300Z JUNE 76 MSG TO CSAF/LGFP.

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2. YOU MAY ADVISE THE ROK MND THAT INITIATION OF THE AIM-9J-1 PROGRAM FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE IS DEPENDENT ON THE ACCUMULATION OF MISSILE ORDERS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES SO THAT THE CUMULATIVE ORDER WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ECONOMICALLY START A PRODUCTION LINE, PROVIDE TOTAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ENSURE THAT PROGRAM TECHNICAL/SCHEDULE/COST GOALS ARE MET. COUNTRIES WITHDRAWING AT THIS CRITICAL TIME WILL JEOPARDIZE THE TOTAL PROGRAM. ACCORDINGLY, THE

ROKAF SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF CO-PRODUCTION. FURTHER THAT CO-ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW BUILD AIM-9J-1 CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME.

3. WITH ROK PARTICIPATION IN THE INITIAL PRODUCTION AS PLANNED, THE FEASIBILITY OF A CO-ASSEMBLY PROGRAM FOR FOLLOW-ON MISSILE ORDERS (ABOVE INITIAL 733) WILL BE CONSIDERED. ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS FMS OR DIRECT COMMERCIAL WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED. IT MUST BE REEMPHASIZED THAT ALL OF THE FOLLOW-ON POSSIBILITIES ARE DEPENDENT ON THE USAF INITIATING A PRODUCTION LINE FOR COMPLETE NEW BUILD AIM-9J-1 MISSILES.

4. FYI. CASE PEACE RATTLER, APPLIES ONLY TO COMPLETE NEW BUILD MISSILES. FOR CO-ASSEMBLY, A COMPLETE NEW LOA WOULD BE REQUIRED AND, AS INDICATED ABOVE, COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME. USAF HAS AGREED, HOWEVER, TO EXTEND PEACE RATTLER TO 24 NOV 1976 SO ABOVE INFORMATION CAN BE CLEARLY EXPLAINED TO THE ROKAF. KISSINGER

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